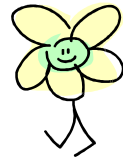




6th Annual

Voices of Children Contest



Tell us...

**what living with a grandparent, aunt, uncle or other relative
has meant to you!**



What is the contest?

Voices of Children Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives is a contest for children in Washington State who are being raised now or in the past by a relative *other than their parents*. The contest honors both the children and the more than 35,000 relatives in Washington State who are raising them.



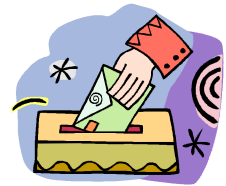
What do you do?

Write a poem, short essay, or draw a picture that describes how living with a relative (such as a grandparent, aunt, or uncle) has made a positive difference in your life. Entries will be judged in three age categories **5-7 year olds**, **8-12 year olds**, and **13-19 year olds**.



What are the rules?

- All participating children must live in Washington State and be 5 -19 years old.
- Poems should be 21 lines or less.
- Essays should be 200 words or less.
- Drawings should be as **big and bold** as possible and fit on paper 8 1/2 by 11. Please include a statement that explains your drawing.
- Writings may be submitted on the attached entry form or on a separate piece of white paper. Drawings should be on white, unlined paper. If the entry form is not used, make sure to include your name, age, address, phone number, and e-mail (if available).
- Entry **must be original**, in English, and unpublished.
- Winners will be notified in early May and all decisions of the judges are final.
- We reserve the right of first publication and use of writings and drawings.
- All entries may be published in a 2009 book called *Voices of Children-Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives*.



All entries must be submitted
or postmarked by

April 15, 2009



What are the prizes?

The first 200 entries will receive special gifts. The top two entries in each age division will receive \$100 from Twin Star Credit Union and more!



Questions?

If you have questions, please call Family Education and Support Services at 1-877-813-2828 or e-mail Shelly Willis at ShellyWillis1@qwestoffice.net.



5th Annual

Voices of Children *Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives Contest*

Contest Entry Form



Write an essay, poem, or submit a drawing describing how you have benefited by living with a relative. Poems should be 21 lines or less. Essays should be 200 words or less. Drawings or posters should be BIG, BOLD and COLORFUL images. Writings may be submitted on this entry form or on a separate piece of white paper. Drawings should be on white, unlined paper. If the entry form is not used, make sure to include your name, age, address, phone number and email (if available).

Print your full name: _____ Age: _____

Your mailing address: _____
(Address)

(City) WA _____ Email: _____
(Zip Code)

Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

Send your entry to:

Mail your entries to: **Voices of Children Contest**
1202 Black Lake Blvd. #B
Olympia, WA 98502

Or E-mail to: ShellyWillis1@qwestoffice.net



All entries must be submitted or postmarked by
April 15, 2009

Questions? Call toll-free at 1-877-813-2828

Privacy note: The information above is for awards committee members to contact you and will not be shared with any third parties. Winning entries will be published with the child's first name only, age, and city. No other personal information will be given out.